

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? St. Charles

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

L-007-004 As chairman of Warner township I am requesting that if you have to go through our township you use the southern option along I-90. The traffic noise from I-90 would drown out the noise from the power line. You already have an easement there from road and existing power line. The northern option along Highway 25 has five large dairy operations extremely close to the proposed route in our township. (next page)

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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The northern option does not follow any property lines and would go through the middle of every farm. This is taking ag land out of production and creating a hardship. For several reasons I am requesting that you no longer consider the option along Highway 25 and go with the one along I-90 if you have to go through Warren township. Thank you

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I believe we should put the line through woodland and wet lands where ever possible to save ag land. we can never replace the ag land if it is taken out of production. We all have to eat.

L-007-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

L-007-002

We need more information on how the line would affect somatic cell and herd health when going close to a dairy.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

L-007-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

L-007-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response L-007-001.

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